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TOPIC Uniforms and ranks in the Czechoslovakian Air ForceEVALUATION 50X1-HUM PLACE OBTAINED 50X1-HUMDATE OF CONTENT 50X1-HUMDATE OBTAINED 20 March 1950REFERENCES 50X1-HUMPAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 50X1REMARKS 50X1**REFERENCE COPY**

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1. The members of the Czechoslovakian Air Force wear the uniform type No 45, made of grey-blue uniform material, with blue shirt, and black tie. The epaulets are of the same color as the uniform but without insignia indicating branch of service or unit. All grades wear a black leather belt. The national emblem in bronze or gold is worn on the cap.
2. The various specialists wear the following insignia on the right side of the uniform blouse:
  - Pilots: two wings in a wreath, with a sword in the middle.
  - Radio operators: Two wings in a wreath, with a flash in the middle.
  - Mechanics: Three-bladed propeller in a wreath, with a lion in the middle.
  - Aerial gunners: Two wings with a sword in the middle.
3. Grades in the Czechoslovakian Air Force:
  - a. Men subject to the draft:
    - Pfc (svobodnik): Insignia made of red cloth, golden buttons.
    - Corporal (desatnik): Same insignia as Pfc.
    - sub sergeant (platoon leader - cetar): Same insignia as Pfc.
  - b. Reserve officer candidates: Same insignia as in para 1, but in silver, and golden buttons.
  - c. Regular corporals (poddustoynik zpovolani):
    - sub sergeant (platoon leader - cetar): A 15-mm wide red longitudinal stripe and three 10-mm golden cross bars on epaulets, black buttons

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Sergeant (rotny): A red longitudinal stripe and a golden cross bar, 20 mm wide.


Staff sergeant (starsina): A red longitudinal stripe, two 20-mm golden stripes, a 10-mm golden cross bar, golden buttons. The grade of "starsina" was newly introduced in the Czechoslovakian Army and Air Force as a replacement for the former "rotnister", according to the Soviet pattern.

d. officers-:

Sub lieutenant (podporucik): One star.  
 Second lieutenant (porocik): Two stars.  
 First lieutenant (nad-porucik): Three stars.  
 Captain (capitan): Four stars.  
 Staff captain: Golden-bordered, blue epaulets, one star.  
 Major: Two stars.  
 Lieutenant colonel (podplukovnik): Three stars.  
 Colonel (plukovnik): Four stars.  
 General: General's collar patches, two stars on under-sleeve, two crossed swords on epaulets.

4. The students of the Piebrec (0 51/G 16) aircraft mechanic school wore the following special insignia on their epaulets:

First class: 

Second class: 

5. The Air Force members got the following pay:

Private: 10 Koruny daily.  
 Sub sergeant (regular corporal): 3,700 Koruny monthly.  
 Sergeant: 4,000 Koruny monthly.  
 Master sergeant: 4,500 Koruny monthly.

The regular corporals (flying personnel) got an additional 600 Koruny per month for flying; 800 Koruny for food, 300 Koruny for accommodation, 100 Koruny for clothing were deducted per month. The pilot got 60 Koruny and the mechanic 120 Koruny extra pay for test flying an engine after its repair.

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